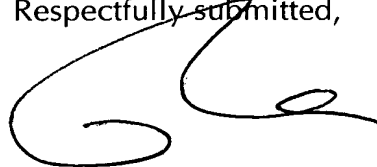


Applicant believes that the Application is now in form for allowance and allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert L. Kelly
Registration No. 31,843
DYKEMA GOSSETT PLLC
1577 N. Woodward, Ste. 300
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304
(248) 203-0849
Attorneys for Applicant

Dated: January 4, 2000

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (CFR 1.8)

I hereby certify that this RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF OCTOBER 15, 1999 with attachment are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to Assistant Commissioner For Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on this 4th day of January, 2000.

Donna Crumit